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TITLE: ANSWERS TO TRAINING QUESTIONS TYPE: A – Action	MANAGER: John P. Daurio

Purpose:

The purpose of this agency letter is to provide all Adult Financial Eligibility Technicians, Supervisors, Managers and Administrators with the answers to the questions that came up during the January, 2002 Ongoing Training. Please share this agency letter with all Adult Financial Eligibility Technicians, Supervisors, Managers and Administrators.

Background:

During the ongoing training held on January 24, 2002 and January 31, 2002 at the Adams county offices, the following questions arose. It was agreed at the time that an agency letter would be distributed with the answers.

Procedure or Information:

1. Is the Department planning to notice clients on OAP C SISC code about limited medical benefits?

Answer: We believe the new MAC cards that go to these clients will take care of the issue, as it spells out exactly what is covered from them on the card. The message on the MAC now reads:

“Benefits are limited to those of the Old Age Pension Health Care program and do not include psychiatric, nursing home, HCBS, inpatient or medical transportation”

Technicians may wish to provide the clients with a copy of Agency Letter AAS02-1-I of January 17, 2002. That describes the payment reductions for providers.

2. It was suggested the Department add a box for “disabled” on SPA redetermination from.

Answer: CBMS should take care of this by October 2002, so SPA form will not be changed in the meantime.

3. Is there a report to show the Retro code 18 State AND cases who are also on Family and Children’s Medicaid?

Answer: Yes, the retro code 18 report is printed monthly and a request has been made to have this report distributed to the counties on a monthly basis.

4. IF an individual has been in the United States for 12 years and just received his/her ‘green card’, will he/she be required to have a Sponsor?

Answer: The individual will not have a sponsor as he/she has been here for several years illegally and has just received legalized status from the Immigration and Naturalization Services.

5. If the sponsor of an OAP applicant is a son or daughter and declares he/she is supporting the OAP applicant/recipient, can we deem income from the sponsor?

Answer: You do not deem income from a relative sponsor (Income is only deemed if the sponsor is not a relative or an organization such as a church). However, you would consider the contribution that the sponsor is providing. You would request a statement from the sponsoring adult child regarding the amount that he/she is providing in support for the applicant/recipient. If this amount is greater than the OAP standard of assistance, the applicant/recipient is not eligible, as you have determined that his/her needs are met. The case would be denied assistance. You would also request a statement from the OAP applicant/recipient confirming the support is being received.

You would never discontinue the case without confirming with the client that the support is being received.

6. How far can you backdate a SISC code on an OAP-B who has been determined to be receiving Social Security Disability Insurance?

Answer: The SISC may be changed to a 'B' back to the date the individual started drawing SSDI or the date the individual became eligible for OAP-B, whichever is later. For example, an individual was on OAP-B since 1998. He was determined to be eligible for and received SSDI as of July 2000; you can backdate the SISC to a B to July 2000. Backdating can be accomplished by sending the backdating letter to Network Control, 7th Floor, 1575 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203, making the request and providing a brief explanation.

7. Can you backdate a C SISC OAP case that you are just approving? They applied prior to January 4, 2002.

Answer: The rule was passed effective January 4, 2002 and states that there is no backdating on or after January 4, 2002. Therefore, if the case was not in the system as approved by January 4, 2002, the medical assistance for the OAP Health Care Program cannot be backdated. Remember this program is in jeopardy of being over spent. If that happens, everyone's benefits are at risk.

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